

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2007.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2, 7-9, 19-20, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,910,667 to Tanaka et al. (Tanaka). The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,929,928 to Matsugami et al. (Matsugami). The Office Action rejected claims 3-5 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,646,142 to Lavelle et al. (Lavelle). The Office Action rejected claims 6 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,315 to Gurney et al. (Gurney).

The Office Action indicates that claims 10-18 and 26-32 are allowed.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled rejected claims 1-9 and 19-25. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Since allowed claims 10-18 and 26-32 are the only remaining claims pending in this application, this application is in condition of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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